

CLAIMS:

- 1 1. A composition comprising:  
2 a) a white pigment or extended white pigment surface treated with a silane  
3 having at least one functional group capable of reacting with acids and  
4 anhydrides;  
5 b) at least one polymeric material; and  
6 c) a compatibilizer.
- 1 2. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said silane has the following general  
2 formula:  
3 
$$R_xSi(R')_{4-x}$$
  
4 wherein  
5 R is a nonhydrolyzable functional group directly or indirectly bonded  
6 to the silicon atom selected from the group consisting of epoxy, isocyanato,  
7 mercapto, and mixtures thereof;  
8 R' is a hydrolyzable group selected from the group consisting of alkoxy,  
9 halogen, acetoxy or hydroxy or mixtures thereof; and  
10  $x = 1$  to 3.
- 1 3. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said pigment is  $TiO_2$ .
- 1 4. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said extended white pigment is selected  
2 from clays, inorganic metal compounds and siliceous materials.  
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- 1 5. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said compatibilizer comprises copolymers  
2 of ethylene or propylene with anhydride or acid groups which are capable of  
3 reacting with the functional groups of the at least one polymeric material.

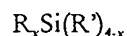
- 1 6. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said compatibilizer comprises copolymers  
2 selected from the group consisting of ethylene maleic anhydride copolymers,  
3 ethylene (meth)acrylic acid copolymers, propylene maleic anhydride  
4 copolymers, propylene acrylic acid copolymers, ethylene propylene  
5 copolymers with maleic anhydride or acid functional groups, and olefinic  
6 ionomer resins.
  
- 1 7. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said compatibilizer is present at a  
2 concentration of about 0.5wt.% to about 20wt.% based on a total weight of the  
3 composition.
  
- 1 8. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said compatibilizer is present at a  
2 concentration of about 1% to about 10% by weight of the total composition.
  
- 1 9. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said filler or pigment is present at a  
2 concentration of about 40wt.% to about 85wt.% based on a total weight of the  
3 composition.
  
- 1 10. The composition of Claim 1 further comprising at least one lubricant selected  
2 from the group consisting of polysiloxanes, silicone fluids, stearates, paraffinic  
3 oils, fluorocarbon fluids, and mixtures thereof.
  
- 1 11. The composition of Claim 10 wherein said lubricant is a polysiloxane selected  
2 from the group consisting of polydimethylsiloxane and organomodified  
3 polydimethylsiloxane.  
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- 1 12. The composition of Claim 13 wherein said lubricant is present from about  
2 0.05wt.% to about 5wt.% based on a total weight of the composition.

- 1 13. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said silane is present on the surface of said  
2 pigment or extended white pigment in an amount of about 0.1wt.% to about  
3 5wt.% based on a weight of said pigment or extended white pigment.
- 1 14. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said polymeric material is selected from  
2 the group consisting of olefins and alphaolefins and their copolymers and  
3 terpolymers, rubbery block copolymers, polyamides, polyesters, vinylic  
4 polymers, acrylics, epoxies, ionomeric resins, and mixtures thereof.
- 1 15. The composition of Claim 14 wherein said polymeric material is selected from  
2 the group consisting of polyethylene, ethylene copolymers, polypropylene,  
3 propylene copolymers, and mixtures thereof.
- 1 16. A white pigment surface treated with at least one silane capable of reacting with  
2 acids and anhydrides and having the following general structure:  
3 
$$R_xSi(R')_{4-x}$$
  
4 wherein  
5 R is a nonhydrolyzable functional group directly or indirectly bonded  
6 to the silicon atom selected from the group consisting of epoxy, isocyanato,  
7 mercapto, and mixtures thereof;  
8 R' is a hydrolyzable group selected from the group consisting of alkoxy,  
9 halogen, acetoxy or hydroxy or mixtures thereof; and  
10  $x = 1 \text{ to } 3.$
- 1 17. The white pigment of Claim 16 wherein said white pigment is selected from  
2 the group consisting of clays, inorganic metal compounds and siliceous  
3 materials.

1 18. The white pigment of Claim 16 wherein said white pigment is selected from  
 2 the group aluminum trihydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, calcined clay,  
 3 nanoclay, kaolin clay, oxidized brass, oxidized aluminum, oxidized steel,  
 4 alumina, aluminum trihydrate, fumed silica, precipitated silica, silica aerogels,  
 5 silica xerogels, aluminum silicates, calcium magnesium silicates, asbestos,  
 6 molecular sieves, Wollastonite, calcium carbonate, titanium dioxide, calcium  
 7 sulphate, magnesium sulfate, calcium carbonates having a silica coating, calcium  
 8 carbonates agglomerated to silica, and mixtures thereof.

1 19. The white pigment of Claim 16 wherein said white pigment is  $\text{TiO}_2$ .

1 20. A white pigment or extended white pigment having enhanced processability  
 2 and dispersion in polymeric material surface treated with a silane having a  
 3 structure of:



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 5 wherein

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 7 to the silicon atom selected from the group consisting of epoxy, isocyanato,  
 8 mercapto, and mixtures thereof;

9 R' is a hydrolyzable group selected from the group consisting of alkoxy,  
 10 halogen, acetoxy or hydroxy or mixtures thereof; and

11  $x = 1$  to 3; and

12 a polysiloxane having a structure of:



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 14 wherein

15 R'' is an organic or an inorganic group;

16 n is 0 to 3; and

17 m is equal to or greater than 2.